



# **CITY OF GRESHAM**

## **Office of Governance and Management**

### **Emergency Management**

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#### **Public Safety Committee Members,**

I am unable to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting schedule for Tuesday, August 24. However, I did want to update you on a few of the projects we are currently working on.

#### **Shelter Planning**

The Office of Emergency Management is continuing in its efforts towards creating a viable shelter plan for the City of Gresham.

During past meetings with the Red Cross, they have indicated to us the need for local communities to develop their own shelter plans and not to assume that the Red Cross would be able to manage all the sheltering needs if a disaster occurred. This statement was formalized several weeks ago in a letter from the Red Cross, asking for communities to partner with the Red Cross, rather than viewing the Red Cross as the sole provider of sheltering.

Because of these statements, Gresham's Shelter Plan has gained interest from surrounding City and County governments.

The Office of Emergency Management will be working in the near future with Emergency Managers from Clackamas and Washington Counties to assess how Gresham's plan may be adopted in template form, to other local jurisdictions.

This plan is being developed in close cooperation with the Red Cross, Gresham area churches, community based organizations, and Multnomah County.

#### **National Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month. The Office of Emergency Management has contacted many of our local businesses and offered to provide preparedness training for their employees. To date, we are scheduled to offer this training at two of our partners in the business community.

## **Bull Run Dam Exercise**

Over the past several months the Office of Emergency Management has been working with Portland Water Bureau to develop and conduct an exercise to evaluate the Bull Run Emergency Action Plan. This exercise was conducted on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Gresham Fire and Emergency Services and Gresham Emergency Management worked with other agencies to evaluate the ability to evacuate the Sandy River residential areas.

Sincerely,

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